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AIR STATION ORDER 6710.3G

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point  
To: Distribution List

Subj: UTILIZATION OF MILITARY WORKING DOGS (MWD)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5585.2B (NOTAL)  
(b) AFR-125-5 (NOTAL)

1. Situation. MWD's are a valuable asset available to unit commanders to help ensure good order and discipline. This order establishes guidelines to request support of MWD's and for their employment aboard MCAS Cherry Point and within the surrounding community. MWD teams may be used to detect narcotics and explosives, to assist in maintaining security and discipline aboard MCAS Cherry Point, and to provide assistance in certain criminal investigations. The MWD teams may be available, upon request, to tenant commands aboard MCAS Cherry Point, other East Coast military installations, and Naval and Coast Guard vessels. The Explosives Detector Dog and handler may be available to civilian authorities when life threatening or severe property damage conditions exist.

2. Cancellation. AirStaO 6710.3F.

3. Mission. To effectively train and use MWD's in order to ensure safety, security, and good order and discipline aboard MCAS Cherry Point and the local civilian community where allowable by law and in compliance with the references.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. MWD's shall be used in conjunction with health and comfort inspections, CG Authorized Vehicle Inspections and at Installation Access Control Points to ensure a safe and secure living and operating environment aboard the MCAS Cherry Point.

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(2) Concept of Operations. MWD teams may be used for various administrative and certain investigative activities. MWD teams may be available to assist in the following specific situations:

(a) Periodic command inspections of quarters, barracks, and work areas. Written requests to the Provost Marshal are preferred and desired 2 weeks or more in advance.

(b) Periodic contraband inspections of military and civilian vehicles entering, departing or operating aboard the Air Station. These inspections will be authorized by the CG as often, and at such locations within the Air Station, as determined necessary and practical to provide for security.

(c) Inspections of baggage during border clearance embarkations and debarkations. MWD teams may be used to search military aircraft, freight and baggage arriving and departing the Air Station.

(d) Inspections of Naval and Coast Guard vessels to include freight, baggage, and other areas directed by the commander.

(e) Searches for narcotics and explosives pursuant to an authorization to search and in those situations where probable cause to search exists but circumstances require immediate action to prevent the removal of the drugs/explosives, the loss of life, or serious property damage.

(f) As a Patrol Dog with handler when directed by the Provost Marshal.

(g) As an Explosive Detector Dog or Narcotics Detector Dog with handler when directed by the Provost Marshal.

b. Coordinating Instructions. The operational control of MWD teams is vested in the Operations Division, Security Department. Specific instructions for procedures which will be followed in conducting searches are contained in references (a) and (b).

(1) Requests for the use of the MWD teams, by commands located aboard the Air Station, will be made to the Operations Division (extension 466-2750 or 3846).

(2) Requests for use of the MWD teams by commands located outside the Air Station can be made by correspondence to the CG (Attn: Provost Marshal), or by calling the Provost Marshal at (Comm: 252-466-4366 or DSN 582-4366).

(3) No person will handle, train, or in any way use a MWD, unless the individual has been designated by the Law Enforcement and Security Branch (Code PSL), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, or the Provost Marshal. Handlers will be responsible for the well being and security of their assigned MWD.

(4) Funding. Requesting commands located outside The Air Station will be responsible for all temporary additional duty funds involved. All consumables for the MWD will be provided by MCAS Cherry Point.

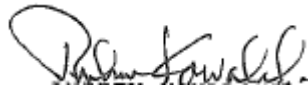
(5) Billeting. Requesting commands located outside The Air Station must provide adequate billeting where the dog and handler can be housed in the same building. For security reasons, all efforts should be made to have this area isolated from other troop billeting areas.

5. Administration and Logistic. None.

6. Command and Signal

a. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.

b. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.

  
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